

Today's Advertisements.

WIRTH'S CIRCUS.

Sole Owner.....MRS. HARRY WIRTH.
Manager.....J. J. CAMERON.

GRAND SUCCESS
FIRST NIGHT'S OPENING
AT NEW SITE, WEST POINT.
A SUCCESS IN EVERY WAY.
ATTENDED BY CROWDS.
SEATING FACILITIES PERFECT.
WELL LIGHTED & WELL VENTILATED.
TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!!
SAME GREAT PROGRAMME.
NEW ACTS—NEW FEATURES.

PRICES OF ADMISSION:—
Boxes (for 6 Persons).....\$10.00
Single Box Seats.....2.00
Stall Seats.....1.00
Gallery.....0.50
Pit (exclusively for Chinese).....0.30
Book Seats in advance at BARBER'S Book Store and Hongkong Hotel.

WILL T. DORRANCE,
Agent.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1222]

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the OFFICES of the COMPANY No. 14, Praya Central, on MONDAY, the 24th August, at 3 o'clock P.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts to the 30th June, 1896.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 10th to the 24th August, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1224]

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY,
LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

THE Steamship

"PAOTING,"
Captain Giles, will be despatched TO-MORROW, the 5th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUTHERFORD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1224]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY
COMPANY.

FOR PACIFIC COAST, CANADA AND THE
UNITED STATES.

THE Steamship

"HUFEH,"
will be despatched on or about THURSDAY, the 6th August, for VICTORIA and VANCOUVER, B.C., via NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Japan, Pacific Coast, Canada and United States Ports.

For Particulars as to Rates, &c., apply to
D. E. BROWN,
General Agent.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1216]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

(UNDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT).

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
BOMBAY, KURACHCHE, ADEN, SUETZ,
PORT SAID, BRINDISI, VENICE,
TRIESTE AND GENOA.

(Taking Cargo at through rates to CALCUTTA, MADRAS, PERSIAN GULF, RED SEA, BLACK SEA, LEVANT AND ADRIATIC PORTS, NATAL, EAST LONDON, PORT ELIZABETH and CAPE TOWN.)

THE Company's Steamship

"MARQUIS BOCQUEHEM,"
Captain C. G. Gosselin, will be despatched as above on or about THURSDAY, the 6th instant.

Cargo will not be received on board after 3 P.M. prior to date of sailing.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1209]

NORTH-EASTERN PACIFIC STEAMSHIP AND RAILROAD COMPANIES.

THE Steamship

"EVANDALE,"
Captain W. Buyer, sailing at Noon on SATURDAY, the 8th instant, will proceed to VICTORIA, B.C., and TACOMA, Wash., via KOBE and YOKOHAMA.

For Particulars see regular Northern Pacific Advertisement.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DODD, CARLILL & Co.,
General Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1220]

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
Captain J. G. Spence, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 11th instant, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1225]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR LONDON, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

THE Company's Steamship

"PROMETHEUS,"
Captain Day, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 13th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1232]

"RICKMERS" REGULAR LINE OF STEAMERS.

FOR SHANGHAI.

"ELISABETH RICKMERS,"
Captain Andersen, will be despatched as above on SATURDAY, the 16th instant.

For Freight, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1219]

Today's Advertisements.

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1896-97.

SEALED TENDERS in Duplicate will be received by the NAVAL STOREKEEPER until Noon on THURSDAY, the 13th instant, for the SUPPLY of TEA for the Use of H.M. NAVY, for ONE YEAR ending 31st August, 1897.

Printed Forms of Tenders and further particulars can be obtained at the NAVAL STOREKEEPER'S OFFICE.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tenders is reserved.

Hongkong Victualling Yard,
3rd August, 1896. [1226]

CONTRACT FOR BUILDING A
SANATORIUM FOR NAVAL AND DOCK
YARD OFFICERS AT VICTORIA GAP,
PEAK, FARM LOT NO. 63.

PERSONS desirous of Tendering for the above are requested to deliver their Tenders Sealed and Marked, "TENDER FOR SANATORIUM" not later than 10 A.M. on TUESDAY, the 18th August, 1896, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, addressed to the COMMODORE-IN-CHARGE, H.M. Naval Establishments.

Plan, Specification and all particulars can be obtained on application to the "ASSISTANT CIVIL ENGINEER," Officer-in-Charge of Admiralty Works.

The right to reject the lowest or any Tender is reserved.

Hongkong Naval Yard,
4th August, 1896. [1231]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 293.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

MONDAY,
the 10th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 25th July, 1896. [1228]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 10th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, together with Erection and Buildings thereon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 79	Lung On Street	55 ft. 55 ft. 50 ft.	0.750	24	\$1,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 294.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

TUESDAY,
the 11th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 25th July, 1896. [1229]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Tuesday, the 11th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of Two Lots of CROWN LAND, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 999 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Inland Lot No. 138	North of Mac Donnell Road	132 ft. 132 ft. 157 ft.	1.57	157	\$1,000
2	Inland Lot No. 139	do.	132 ft. 132 ft. 157 ft.	1.57	157	\$1,000

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
No. 295.

THE following Particulars and Conditions of Sale of Crown Land by Public Auction, to be held on the spot, on

WEDNESDAY,
the 12th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., are published for general information.

By Command,
J. H. STEWART LOCKHART,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 25th July, 1896. [1230]

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Wednesday, the 12th day of August, 1896, at 4 P.M., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND, at Hok On, Kowloon, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 Years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in Acres	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 63	Hok On	193 ft. 193 ft. 100 ft.	1.00	100	\$1,000

Today's Advertisements.

TENDERS

FOR REPAIRS of the British Ship "SCOTTISH ISLES" will be received at the Office of the Undersecretary to the Admiralty, the 5th instant.

The Vessel requires Repairs to HULL, MASTS and RIGGING-WORK, and if necessary Docking for Examination of bottom.

Particulars can be obtained from the Captain on board, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

MELCHERS & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 4th August, 1896. [1227]

SOCIETE FERMIERE DE L'OPIMUM AU TONKIN.

EN LIQUIDATION.

SOCIETE ANONYME AU CAPITAL DE 1,400,000 FRANCS.

SIEGE SOCIAL—HANOI.

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby informed that the Sum of Mex. Dollars NINETY (90), being the FOURTH DIVIDEND Due on Account of the Company's Assets, IS PAYABLE in HONGKONG at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, from the 5th September to the 20th September, 1896, and in HAIPHONG at the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, from the 30th September to the 15th October, against Presentation of Scrip.

By Order,
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1216]

WANTED.

FOR a SHANGHAI FIRM, on a FIVE YEARS' AGREEMENT, a man who thoroughly understands the IMPORT and EXPORT BUSINESS. Only such who can prove that they have had experience in this Branch may apply to "X."

c/o Hongkong Telegraph Office.
[1215]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship

"LIGHTNING,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside.

Cargo Impeding the discharge or remaining on board after the 6th instant, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company.

Consignees of Cargo from SINGAPORE and PENANG are requested to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their Goods from alongside, such Cargo Impeding the discharge of the vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1217]

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL, NEWPORT AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

"OOPACK,"
having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersecretary before Noon on the 6th instant, or they will not be received.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on SATURDAY, the 8th instant.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 9th instant will be subject to rent.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co., Agents.
Hongkong, 3rd August, 1896. [1218]

JUST ARRIVED! JUST ARRIVED!!

THE GREAT AMERICAN STEAM RIDING GALLERY, FROM AMERICA.

WITH ALL THE LATEST IMPROVEMENTS. CHARIOTS, CARRIAGES AND GALLOPING HORSES, SPLENDID MUSIC, BIG TENT

AND EVERYTHING FOR THE ENJOYMENT OF THE PUBLIC.

The Young Folks like it. The Old Folks like it. They all like it, they cannot help it.

For never has Hongkong been visited by a more popular form of Entertainment and amusement for years.

COME EARLY! COME EARLY! EVERY AFTERNOON AND NIGHT. RAIN OR SHINE PERFECTLY SAFE. ONLY 10 CENTS A RIDE; 10 CENTS.

RECLAMATION GROUND, PRAYA, WEST POINT.

Hongkong, 12nd July, 1896. [1216]

Intimations.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & COMPANY, LIMITED, VICTORIA DISPENSARY, HONGKONG.

AERATED WATERS.

SODA WATER.

LEMONADE.

SARSAPARILLA.

RASPBERRYADE, &c.

DAKIN, CRUICKSHANK & Co.'s WATERS are made under the constant supervision of a duly qualified English Chemist and will bear comparison with the best English Manufactures.

Special terms to HOTELS, CLUBS, MENSES and other Large Consumers.

Any complaints should be addressed to the Manager.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1896. [1227]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

CHEMISTS BY APPOINTMENT.

ESTABLISHED A.D. 1841.

MANUFACTURERS OF

AERATED WATERS.

OUR AERATED WATER FACTORY is fitted with the best English Machinery, embodying the latest improvements in the trade.

The Purest Ingredients only are used, and the utmost Care and Cleanliness exercised in the Manufacture throughout.

The Water used is proved by repeated Analyses to be Absolutely Pure.

For COAST PORTS, Waters are packed and placed on board ship at Hongkong prices, and the full amount allowed for Packages and Emplies when received in good order.

Counterfoil Order Books supplied on application.

Our Registered Telegraphic Address is "DISPENSARY, HONGKONG." And all signed messages addressed thus will receive prompt attention.

The following is a List of Waters always kept ready in Stock:—

PURE AERATED WATER,

SODA WATER,

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SELTZER WATER,

LITHIA WATER,

SARSAPARILLA WATER,

TONIC WATER,

GINGER ALE,

GINGERADE.

No Credit given for Bottles that look dirty or greasy, or that appear to have been used for any other purpose than that of containing Aerated Waters, as such Bottles are never used again by us.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LD. THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

Hongkong, 4th July, 1896. [1216]

BIRTHS.

On the 2nd instant, No. 65, Wyndham Street, Hongkong, the wife of CHARLES MOONEY, of a daughter.

At No. 3, Hillside, on the 3rd instant, the wife of ST. C. MICHAELSEN, of a daughter.

At No. 24, the wife of Dr. EDWORTH H. HART, of a daughter.

At 26, Quilon Road, Shanghai, on the 25th ult., the wife of THOMAS HENRY HARRIS, of a daughter.

On the 25th ult., at Kobe, the wife of G. C. FARRERMAN, of a daughter.

At No. 4, Mac-ho Terrace, Shanghai, on the 25th ult., the wife of JAMES ADAMS BALLARD, of a son.

On the 28th ult., at 112, Kiangse Road, Shanghai, the wife of ADOLPH SAPHIRE, of a daughter.

At Pangbourne, England, on the 27th ult., the wife of DUNCAN MCNEILL, Barrister-at-law, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

On 29th June, at St. Paul's Church, Rome, by the Rev. R. I. Nevill, D.D., after ceremony at British Consulate, the Very Rev. CHARLES HENRY BUTCHER, D.D., of Cairo, formerly Dean of Shanghai Cathedral, to EDITH LOUNA, eldest daughter of the late Rev. Hyslop Floyer and of Mrs. Floyer, of Hemmills-hill, Burghfield, England.

At the Roman Catholic Cathedral, Rangoon, on the 12th ult., by the Rev. Father Lewis, CHARLES GRAHAM, the only son of the late Mr. J. C. Graham, Inspector of the Customs Preventive Service, to ALICE LA RIVE, eldest daughter of Mr. F. T. La Rive.

At St. Andrew's Cathedral, Singapore, on 25th ultimo, by the Rev. W. H. C. Dunsheley, ROBERT CHARLTON to MAUDE, daughter of Mr. Frank Woodford of Sepoy Lines.

On the 3rd inst., JOHN W. POWELL, Shanghai, of heat apoplexy, aged 32. (By telegram).

At Varese, Italy, on the 24th ult., at her Country Villa, MARIA DOLORES GAGGIO, mother of Gaggino Brothers, of Singapore, aged 79 years.

On the 25th ult., at 25, Boone Road, Shanghai, the youngest son of Frank and Nellie Fortis, aged four months and twenty-two days.

At Shanghai, on the 5th ult., THOMAS HUGH COLGAN, aged 20 years.

Accidentally drowned at Pootoo, near Shanghai, on the 25th ult., JOSEPH HAAS, Consul-General of Austria-Hungary. Deeply regretted.

At No. 20, Miller Road, Shanghai, on the 25th ult., EVELYN LITA MARIA, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Agapine (Maria Maher), aged 14 years.

The Hongkong Telegraph

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1896.

THE INSANITARY DWELLINGS COMMISSION.

We publish to-day the full text of a Commission issued on the 30th ultimo under the hand and seal of His Excellency the Governor appointing and authorizing the Hon. J. H. STEWART LOCKHART, Hon. C. P. CHATER, Hon. T. H. WHITEHEAD, Mr. THOMAS JACKSON, and Mr. N. J. ENZ to inquire into the existence of insanitary properties in the colony and the means to be adopted to improve such properties and to abate overcrowding. The investigations of the Commission are to have special reference to:—

(a) Whether it is desirable to resume insanitary properties, improve them, and then re-sell them.

(b) The means by which such properties are to be resumed and the compensation to be paid for same assessed.

(c) How the said properties should be improved and by whom such improvement should be carried out.

(d) The means to be adopted for housing the occupants of any dwellings pending improvement.

(e) The amount of capital required for resumption and improvements, how it is to be raised, and how far it will be met by a re-sale, with any suggestions or recommendations the Commission may make on the subject.

Mr. STEWART LOCKHART is appointed Chairman of the Commission, and Mr. ARATHOON SIXTH is Secretary, and it is provided that for the purposes of the Commission three members inclusive of the Chairman shall constitute a quorum.

We are glad to be able to make this announcement, not only because we consider it highly desirable that such an investigation should be held, but

OUR Shanghai morning contemporary on the 31st ultimo announced that the case of the owners of the steamship *Owyo* v. the owners of the steamship *Nanchang*, to settle the responsibility for the collision which occurred on the 30th of April last at Woonong, was to come before H.B.M.'s Supreme Court on Tuesday, Mr. W. V. Drummond, and Mr. J. C. Hanson will conduct the case for the plaintiffs, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. W. A. C. Platt will appear for the defendants.

THE Observatory reports of the typhoon as follows:—On the 3rd at 4.30 p.m.: The typhoon is probably moving towards W.N.W. Gale not expected in Hongkong. On the 4th at 8.20 a.m., black ball hoisted. At 10.30 a.m., the typhoon seems to have approached the East coast of Hainan. At 11.10 a.m., the barometer is rising in Hongkong and inclined to fall at Hainan; elsewhere pressure has increased. Forecast:—Strong S.E. breezes, decreasing; squally and showery. Telegraphic communication between the Observatory and Victoria Peak continues interrupted.

THE steam ferry-boat at West Point is steadily gaining in popularity as it becomes better known, and nightly larger crowds frequent the scene, many entering thoroughly into the spirit of the fun, while many more stand around in wonderment watching the others in their enjoyment. Anxious to give amusement to the numbers of children in the colony, who have no means of entering into the sports of their more fortunate brothers and sisters, the management has distributed two hundred tickets among the pupils in the Italian and French Convents, to whom the place will be thrown open to-morrow afternoon and on Saturday afternoon.

THE popularity and esteem in which Dr. Marques is held by a large number of residents in this colony was again manifested on Sunday, when his friends chartered the steamer *Honam* to convey him to his native place, Macao, where he intends to remain for a few months prior to another course of study in Europe. About 400 persons accompanied him to Macao, the time in transit being enlivened by speeches and toast making. Both on leaving the wharf here and on arriving at Macao the worthy doctor was saluted by salvoes of firecrackers, and many were the regrets expressed at the loss from the community of one who had made himself so universally liked and respected. After wishing long life and prosperity to their guest, the excursionists spent the remainder of the day in sight-seeing, and returned to Hongkong just before midnight.

IN spite of the threatening state of the weather during the early part of the day and the announcement made in our mid-day extra yesterday, the management of *Wirth's Circus* decided to open last evening as per previous announcement, and well they were repaid for so doing, as the house that witnessed the opening night on the new pitch was more fully representative than any of the audiences drawn before. The Chinese were present in force, filling the part of the house set apart for them, while there was also a goodly number of foreigners present. The arrangement of the tent and the seating accommodation, though evidently hurriedly completed, left little to be desired, and the management announced that that little would be remedied by to-night.

It is probable that the *Tsar* of "All the Russias" will visit Paris about the middle of September.

A NEW Shanghai daily, the *Shanghai Times* to be, is announced to appear on the 1st September. It will be edited by Mr. W. H. Smith, who was at one time managing editor of the *Yupan Gazette*. We wish the new paper every success.

IN reply to a memorial from the Straits Settlements Bar the Secretary of State has assented to the appointment of a fourth Judge for the colony. Mr. Chamberlain adds he considers that the limitation of Assistant Registrars to the class of duly qualified lawyers is reasonable, provided that the limitation be modified by making five years' service as Deputy Registrar an equivalent qualification for the post of Assistant Registrar, on the part of an officer who is not a lawyer.

RE the late Mr. Harry Stanley, the *Madras Mail* says:—We regret to learn that the widow and two daughters of the late Mr. Harry Stanley have been compelled to fly to Madras since the receipt of the sad news of Mr. Stanley's death owing to want of means to get away. It will be remembered that the news of Mr. Stanley's death reached Madras just about the time that his wife and family were expecting him to arrive with funds to enable them to resume their professional career. We have been asked to make known the destitute condition in which these poor ladies find themselves with a view to a subscription list being opened to defray their debts and to cover the cost of their journey to Calcutta, where they have a certain amount of stage accessories, scenery, costumes, &c., the proceeds of the sale of which, it is hoped, will carry them to their home in Australia, where they will be able to realize such property as has been left them. We understand that a sum of about Rs. 1,000 will be sufficient for the purpose mentioned, and we shall be glad to receive, and acknowledge in our columns, any contributions which our readers may be disposed to make towards the assistance of the widow and daughters of one of whom many in India have a kindly recollection.

MEMORANDA.

TO-DAY, 4th August.
9 p.m.—Wirth's Circus and Menagerie, at East Point, near Kennedy's Stable.

TO-MORROW, 5th August.
Birthdays of Emperor of China—Chinese Customs closed.
11 a.m.—Outward French Mail closes.
Noon.—*Ernest Simon* leaves for Europe.
3 p.m.—Meeting of the Legislative Council.

THURSDAY, 5th August.
English mail due.

FRIDAY, 7th August.
9 p.m.—Concert at Volunteers' Headquarters.

SATURDAY, 8th August.
American mail due.
Noon.—*Castro* leaves for San Francisco, via usual ports of call.
Noon.—*Esmeralda* leaves for Victoria, B.C., and Tacoma, via Kobe and Yokohama.

THE Secretary of State has appointed Mr. J. A. Harwood to be Solicitor General, Straits Settlements, with effect from April 19th.

THE return of the number of visitors to the City Hall Museum for the week ended August 2nd 1896:—Europeans, 204; Chinese, 1,831; total 2,035.

MR. DE BUNSEN, British Charge d'Affaires at Bangkok, is, according to the *Singapore Free Press*, at present, by medical advice, taking a round tour of Singapore, Java, and Hongkong, for the benefit of his health.

THE *Courrier de Chine* learns with great pleasure that M. Dubail, Consul-General of France, has been promoted to the grade of Officer of the Legion of Honour. This is doubtless a case of honour being done to one to whom honour is due.

HERR F. KEMPERMANN, Minister Resident for Germany at Bangkok, has left Siam. He was at Singapore on the 24th ultimo on his way back to Berlin. A few years ago Mr. Kempermann was in charge of German interests in Korea.

THE *Singapore Free Press* of 24th July says:—The political situation at Hongkong is serious. That colony has a legitimate ground for agitation against a decision conveyed in a despatch of Mr. Chamberlain, the substance of which has been telegraphed to the *Singapore Free Press*. It is therein laid down that Hongkong must pay its 17 1/2 per cent. of Military Contribution, and that there shall be no rebate as to any revenue that might be accounted for on municipal character. That is to say, for all house and property assessments, horse and carriage licences, dog taxes, &c., 17 1/2 per cent. is to go for military contribution. The demand is a preposterous one. Let Hongkong note, that by fighting this demand on the municipal principle, it will greatly strengthen its hands for the demand it is bound to keep up for the acquisition of a Municipal Board.

NEWS BY THE FRENCH MAIL.

LONDON, July 3rd.
The Russian cruiser *Vladimir Monomakh* is under orders to leave Kronstadt for Vladivostok next month.
The *Novosti* announces, on what it describes as trustworthy authority, that Russia has obtained absolute freedom of trade in northern China.
The Dean of Westminster has selected a spot in the Port of Canton for the erection of a memorial bust of Sir Walter Scott.
The relief funds in aid of the sufferers through the *Drummond Castle* disaster amount to £18,446. The exact position of the wreck has been found.
The Cobden Club has celebrated the 50th anniversary of the repeal of the Corn Laws by a dinner at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
His Holiness the Pope has written a letter on the subject of Christian Unity and Anglican Orders, in which he denies the validity of the latter.

It is officially announced that there are over 5,300 British troops in South Africa. There will be nearly another thousand when the Malla battalion reaches Cape Town.
Amid many manifestations of sympathy and regret, the remains of Sir Augustus Harris were interred at Bromley Cemetery on 27th ultimo. The hearse was followed by an enormous company of mourners.
The Duc De Nemours, second son of King Louis Philippe, died at Versailles on 26th ult. He was eighty-two years of age.
One of the prizes of the musical profession, the post of conductor of the Royal Choral Society at the Royal Albert Hall, has been filled by the appointment of Dr. John Frederick Bridge, Graham Professor of Music, and organist of Westminster Abbey.
On 1st instant a new German warship was launched at Wilhelmshaven by the Emperor William, who named the vessel *Kaiser Friedrich III.*, and described it as not only equalling the vessels of foreign navies, but even superior to them.
The United States Appeal Court has decided in regard to the *Beijing* case question that the Emperor must be upheld.
The German Emperor's recent gift of a fountain to Queen Victoria was followed by a present to Her Majesty from the Empress of some choice porcelain executed in the Royal manufactory.
The Hon. T. F. Bayard, the American Minister, visited Gravesend on 20th ult., and laid the corner-stone of a church to be erected as a memorial of John Robinson, pastor of the congregation from which the "Pilgrim Fathers" sailed to New England in the *Mayflower* in the early part of the seventeenth century. A number of the direct descendants of the persecuted immigrants, who are now in this country, were present, together with a representative body of English Nonconformists. At the ceremony Mr. Bayard delivered an interesting address, in which he eulogized the life and work of Robinson, and warmly advocated the principles of religious freedom.
The judges who will compose the tribunal to try Dr. Jameson and his companions will consist of the Lord Chief Justice of England (Lord Russell) and the two senior Judges of the Queen's Bench Division, Baron Pollock and Sir Henry James.
Major von Wissman, Governor of German East Africa, has arrived back from Switzerland, and at present is living on the Herz Mountain in Northern Germany. The Governor has fully recovered and at the fall of the year will leave again for his remote field of activity.
At Holy Trinity Church, Sloane-street, on 20th ult., Lady Sophie Cadogan, younger daughter of Earl and Countess Cadogan, was married to Sir Samuel Scott, Royal Horse Guards.
Sir H. H. Johnston, K.C.B., who has since 1891 held the post of Commissioner and Consul-General for the territories to the north of the Zambezi, arrived in London on 25th ult. on leave of absence from his official duties, and called at the Foreign Office in the afternoon.

NAVAL ITEMS.
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The Admiralty have given orders that the old ships *Exeter*, *Maline*, *Mariner*, and *Reindeer*, which have long been lying in the Hamoaze at Devonport, are to be permanently removed from the effective list of Her Majesty's Navy.

A good deal of satisfaction has been expressed both officially and otherwise at the result of the recent trials of the new second-class cruiser *Exeter*, which both under forced and natural draught considerably exceeded all expectations, her speed under forced draught being well over 20 knots.

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THE NEW COMMERCIAL TREATY.

[*Tientsin Times*, July 25th.]
We are informed that the Commercial Treaty between China and Japan was signed at Peking on the 21st instant, and that H.E. Baron Hayashi will shortly be passing through Tientsin on his way to Japan on leave.

[*Telegrams from Japanese Press*.]
TOKIO, July 25th.

An official telegram was received last night by the Government that the Treaty of Commerce with China was signed in Peking the day before yesterday.

A Peking telegram despatched yesterday afternoon states that in the new Treaty China conceded to Japan the principle of the most favoured nation clause, while the same privilege is granted to China by Japan. No special stipulation has been made in the Treaty in regard to manufacturing, and that question is therefore governed by the Shimonoeki Treaty. The *tariffs* and export duties remain as before.

TOKIO, July 24th.
The new Treaty of Commerce with China has been ratified and exchanged in Peking within three months from the day on which it was signed. The principal points of the new Treaty are:—

- (1) That Japanese are allowed to travel freely in the interior of China for commercial purposes.
- (2) The Japanese Consuls in China retain jurisdiction over Japanese subjects in China in accordance with the extra-territorial system.
- (3) Japanese subjects in China are also at liberty to purchase and lease land and houses within certain limits of the open ports of China.
- (4) Japanese subjects are at liberty to carry on manufacturing business freely at the open ports of China, the taxation on such business to be governed entirely by the Shimonoeki Treaty, as no provision whatever is made in the new Treaty.
- (5) The Customs duty payable by Japanese is regulated by the most favoured nation clause. The transit duty on imported goods is fixed at one half the import duty. When this duty is imposed, no other inland tax shall be demanded. On goods free of import duty only 2 per cent. *ad valorem* shall be paid for inland duty.
- (6) The new Treaty will remain in force for ten years after the exchange of the ratifications. Similar privileges to those above mentioned are in every case denied to Chinese subjects in Japan.

INSANITARY DWELLINGS COMMISSION.

The following Commission issued by His Excellency the Governor in Council is published in the *Government Gazette* of the 1st August:—

WILLIAM ROBINSON, GOVERNOR.

Whereas it is expedient that a Commission be appointed to inquire into the existence of insanitary properties in the colony and the means to be adopted to improve such properties and to abate overcrowding, with special reference to the following details, viz:—

- 1.—Whether it is desirable to resume insanitary properties, improve them, and then re-sell them.
- 2.—The means by which such properties are to be resumed and the compensation to be paid for same assessed.
- 3.—How the said properties should be improved, and by whom such improvement should be carried out.
- 4.—The means to be adopted for housing the occupants of any dwellings pending improvement.
- 5.—The amount of capital required for resumption and improvements, how it is to be raised, and how far it will be met by a resale, with any suggestions or recommendations the Commission may make on the subject.

Now therefore, I, Sir William Robinson, Knight Commander of the Most Distinguished Order of Saint Michael and Saint George, Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Colony of Hongkong and its Dependencies, and Vice-Admiral of the same, in Executive Council assembled, do hereby under the powers vested in me by Ordinance 27 of 1885, entitled "The Commissioners Powers Ordinance, 1885," appoint you—

- 1.—The Honourable James Haldane Stewart Lockhart, Colonial Secretary and a Member of the Executive and Legislative Councils;
- 2.—The Honourable Catchick Paul Chater, a Member of the Legislative Council;
- 3.—The Honourable Thomas Henderson Whitehead, a Member of the Legislative Council;
- 4.—Nathaniel Joseph Eds, Esquire;
- 5.—Thomas Jackson, Esquire;

to be a Commission for the purpose of instituting, making, and conducting such enquiry; And I do hereby appoint you the said James Haldane Stewart Lockhart to be Chairman of such Commission; And I do hereby appoint Nathaniel Joseph Eds, Esquire, to be the Secretary to such Commission; And I do hereby order and direct that for all or any of the purposes of this Commission three members thereof inclusive of the Chairman shall be and constitute a quorum. And I do further hereby order and direct that the said Commission shall, for the purpose of making the said inquiry, have all such powers as are vested in the Supreme Court of this colony or in any Judge thereof on the occasion of any suit or action in respect of the following matters, viz:—

- 1.—The enforcing the attendance of witnesses and examining them on oath, affirmation or otherwise;
- 2.—The compelling the production of documents;
- 3.—The punishing persons guilty of contempt;
- 4.—The ordering the impounding of any property; with power also, for the purpose of this Commission, to enter and view any premises.

And I do hereby further direct that every examination of witnesses shall be held in private; and I do further require you to report to me the evidence and your opinion thereon; and I hereby charge all persons in the Public Service to assist you hereto.

Given under my hand and the Public Seal of the colony in Executive Council, this Twenty-ninth day of July, One thousand eight hundred and Ninety-six.

By Command,
J. J. BADELEY,
Acting Clerk of Council.

THE LOSS OF THE "ILTIS".

LATEST DETAILS FROM SHANGHAI.

[*North China Daily News*, July 25th.]
Chefoo, July 25th.

The German gunboat *Ilts* was lost ten miles north of the South-East Promontory in the typhoon of the 23rd instant. Ten men were saved; all the others, including the officers, perished.

A very painful impression was caused in Shanghai yesterday by the receipt of the above telegram from Chefoo, and though anxious enquiries were made in many quarters it was impossible to gain detailed information. The *Ilts*, which was a gunboat of 430 tons displacement, built of iron at Dantzig in 1878, was well known on the Asiatic station, where she had been for a number of years. She was on her way from Chefoo to Nagasaki when she became involved in the typhoon of the 23rd. A telegram from the Commander of H.M.S. *Passat* at Chefoo gave the scene of the disaster as Flat Rocky Point, which is the southernmost point of Shanghai Bay, in the Shanghai Promontory, and about sixty miles from Chefoo. This telegram also stated that "Seventy-seven men, all officers lost; ten men saved," and it is presumed that the number survivors seem to have been a long time in reaching Chefoo, and it is also noticeable that telegrams despatched from that port before noon on Tuesday were not delivered in Shanghai until yesterday morning. The following is a list of the officers of the ill-fated vessel:—First Lieutenant, Kapitän-Lieutenant Braun; First Lieutenant, Kapitän-Lieutenant von Holst; Wach-Offizier, Lieutenant zur See, Franz-Johann; Unter-Lieutenant zur See, Preuss; Assistent-Arzt, Dr. Hildebrandt; Obermaschinist Hill. There was no full Paymaster on board at the time of the accident, as Unter-Marine-Zahmeister Loss, who joined the *Ilts* a few weeks ago, was transferred to Shanghai during the ship's last stay here to the cruiser *Arcona*; Zahmeister-Applikant Gieseler being Acting-Paymaster. Upon the receipt of the news of the disaster all the consular and shipping flags were half-masted.

[*Shanghai Mercury*, July 25th.]
CHEFOO, July 25th, 1.25 p.m.
I very much regret to report the loss of the German gunboat *Ilts* during the last typhoon. Only eleven sailors of her crew have landed on the South-East Promontory.

We received another telegram this afternoon dated 7 a.m. to-day, which says:—
The German gunboat *Ilts* wrecked on Thursday at Shanghai Promontory, 189 lost and ten sailors saved.

Dr. Stuebel states that he has received a telegram from the German Consul in Chefoo, but which merely confirms the news contained in the "Extra" issued by the *Mercury* this morning. His telegram, however, states that there are 77 drowned, all the officers being amongst them, and that eleven sailors reached land.

Dr. Stuebel is not sure whether Zahmeister Berkhahn was on board, or not, as some time ago he was going to be removed to another vessel.

The Chefoo correspondent of the *North-China Daily News* reports under date of 20th July as follows:—The gunboat left here on the morning of the day in the evening of which the typhoon reached us; she was bound for Weihaiwei, and speculation is rife as to how she happened to be off the South-East Promontory. As yet, few details are known of the ship's loss, but it is stated that a small island some 5 miles north-east of the Promontory, she broke in half, and only the fore portion remained above water; from it, two days later, eleven men were taken off by a rampan and conducted to the lighthouse; all the others perished, including all the officers.

HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

The Captain's Cup for August was easily won by Mr. Vallings, his score being exceptionally good, taking into consideration the heavy state of the lies. This is the first competition in which the hurdle hazards have played a part, and possibly they may account for the large number of entries and few returns.

Rev. J. R. Vallings	89	14	75
Mr. J. M. T. Thompson	93	24	80
Mr. E. M. Knox	115	24	80
Mr. F. J. Baddeley	105	16	80
Mr. C. E. Home	94	4	90
Mr. K. A. Ram	102	11	91

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Mr. W. A. Duff	108	12	96
Mr. C. A. Jones	113	12	98
Mr. C. H. Grace	112	12	98

Several others no return.

THE REASON FOR IT.

It will perhaps be conceded that at no previous period in the history of the Empire has the question of the Empire in every part of the British world than now. One momentous question presents itself under the aspect of Imperial Federation. At another time it looms upon us as the possibility of an Anglo-American war.

Again the scene changes, and reveals the enormous state of things prevailing in South Africa, where on the one hand an enormous proportion of the residents in a British colony are almost in a state of anarchy, although enjoying the fullest measure of citizenship, and on the other hand the British subjects who form the majority of the Transvaal population, and are the sole representatives of whatever enterprise and ability exist within its frontiers, are treated very much worse than the unfortunate Garth and his brethren in the days of *Cadiz* the Saxon. It would be strange indeed if a subject so many-sided and even sensational did not possess an absorbing interest for those whose life depends most likely to affect. Yet no one will be misled enough to suppose that it is the *Majuba Hill* and *Krugersdorp* which have been fought, and if Canada had never been rescued to day attempt at annexation by the United States, the interest of Great Britain in her colonies would have been as languid as it was last century.

Large issues were then opening out before our dominion in Canada. The French had been to be kept and subdued, Wolfe's brilliant capture of the heights of Abraham was an episode which Dr. Jameson could not have equalled even if his daring plan had succeeded. From a warlike point of view the history of the colonies last century is far more interesting than their history during the last twenty years. Yet the English of those days took their conquests, as they took their pleasures, sadly. There was no enthusiasm when the Colonists proved in the most convincing manner the stock from which they came. If the French had any pride in their offspring they were despised by the English, and the only guarantee was that the Colonists that the mother country had an eye upon them were the English, who were constantly made upon their territory, the disabilities imposed upon their manufactures in case the most honest

compete with home products, and the complaints which were perpetually levelled against them because they did not contribute sufficiently to the revenue of the Crown. This state of things culminated in the American War of Independence, with regard to which Mr. Lecky has shown that the Mother Country was acting strictly within her rights. The important point in this connection is that it was the general attitude of Great Britain, and not any isolated acts of tyranny, which drove the Americans into revolt. It was the evident determination of those then at the head of affairs to treat the Colonists as spoiled children, whom it would be undignified to argue with, and impolitic even to humour. If we contrast the bigoted disdain which marked the dealings of Grenville and his Sovereign with the Americans, and the fairly intelligent sympathy evinced by the statesman now in charge of the Colonial department, we have a concrete example of the way in which the Colonial policy of the past differed from that of to-day. On the other hand, the Colonies have reciprocated the sentiment with a warmth for which perhaps many people at home were not prepared. It is instructive to compare the eager loyalty exhibited by Canada and Australia at the recent crisis, not only with the submission and open defiance of the Americans last century, but even with the cold and indifferent relations which obtained between Great Britain and the same Colonies not so many decades ago. A characteristic story illustrates a former phase of feeling in Australia. At a cricket match in Sydney in which the English visitors were getting the better of the Australian team, a young man with a drawl asked:—"How is it that wherever an Englishman goes he is always an Englishman?" On the same principle, I suppose," retorted a tatty Antipodean, "that wherever an ass goes he is always an ass."

All that is changed, if recent events have any significance. Taught by hard experience Great Britain has made the yoke of her Colonies very light for a hundred years past. She has given full scope to their energies and ambitions, and has discarded the mischievous theory that pounds, shillings, and pence are the chief factors to an understanding. The result is that no humiliations or exactions have come between the Colonies and the ideal of an *imperial alms house*; and now, with war and change hovering in the future, the whole British race is getting ready to acquiesce in the struggle in the tremendous struggle which awaits the nations.

If the reciprocal interest which is being shown between Great and Greater Britain be analysed, this will probably be found to be the pervading idea. Consolidation, as Lord Salisbury has pointed out, is the inevitable rule of national development. At the beginning of the century Great Britain was able to face the world single-handed, neither adding nor subtracting any help from her Colonies. But the world was not so big then; the armaments of other nations were not so gigantic and complete, the effects of a single reverse were not so crushing. Such was war in those days from the purely British point of view. From the Colonial standpoint it was even less formidable, because, situated as Great Britain's adversaries then were, the defeat of the mother country by no means involved the subjugation of the Colonies. On the contrary, such an event would probably have left them, economically speaking, exactly where they were before. Merely to state these facts is to show how utterly incompatible they are with the situation at the present day. Great Britain and her Colonies must sink or swim together. That is how the present re-union may be briefly explained. Without the moral and material support of her off-shoot Great Britain must sink to the level of Holland. Without the prestige and assistance of Great Britain, Canada must be absorbed by the United States, while the Australian Colonies must fall to the petty status of the South American Republics. It would be a great error to imagine that the Imperial Federation movement, especially in its latest aspect, is a mere passing craze. Consolidation for the future is a corollary of expansion in the past. The nations are rapidly grouping themselves into powerful combinations. Russia is coming to the front with gigantic strides, and shows a tendency to overshadow every other Power with whom she comes in contact—a circumstance which apparently struck Sir John Seeley when he predicted that Russia would swallow up the whole of Central Europe, including France and Germany. If Seeley was right, and the powers of the world will in the near future be distributed among two or three favoured nations, it is obvious that the British Empire must not be considered if it can possibly be helped. The disappearance of Great Britain from among the first-class Powers would disturb the equilibrium of the world, and would remove the mightiest gauge for its freedom and peacefulness. The great humorist Mark Twain in one of his serious moments said that the British were above all things a merciful race. While fully admitting their power and ingenuity, this, we are afraid, is not exactly the quality of quality of some of our greatest rivals. Any future scheme of the world according to these ideas, would certainly be unfortunate, and would probably be badly balanced which left Greater Britain out of count; and to the end that this may never be the case the various sections of the Empire appear to be consciously or unconsciously striving.—*Englishman*.

THE *Gazette* also contains the usual list of socialised telegrams lying in the Telegraph Office, the Post Office list of *ports valuations*, correspondence, and list of letters, etc., for merchant vessels.

SHIPPING AND MAIL NEWS.

MAILS DUE:
English (*Rossita*) 6th inst.
American (*City of Peking*) 8th inst.
Tasmania (*Brasmar*) 15th inst.
American (*Dorcas*) 16th inst.
American (*China*) 27th inst.
Tasmania (*Tasmania*) 27th inst.

THE Agents (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.) inform us that the steamship *Glimavon*, from London and the Straits, left Singapore for this port yesterday evening.

THE Agents (Messrs. Dowell, Carill & Co.) inform us that the Northern Pacific Steamship Co.'s steamer *Brasmar* has arrived at Yokohama, and will leave for this port, via Kobe, Nagasaki and Shanghai, on the 6th inst.

SHIPPING RETURNS.

From 5 p.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. to-day.

ARRIVALS.	FROM
<i>Arakawa Maru</i>	from Kaituma.
<i>Frige</i>	" " Singapore.
<i>Nanyang</i>	" " Singapore.
<i>Danvers</i>	" " Saigon.
<i>Madaw</i>	" " Bangkok.
<i>Triumph</i>	" " Hallow.
<i>Patroclus</i>	" " Singapore.
<i>Saghalien</i>	" " Europe.
<i>Phra C. C. Rao</i>	" " Bangkok.
<i>Empress of China</i>	" " Vancouver.
<i>Lyons</i>	" " Canton.
<i>Ernest Simon</i>	" " Shanghai.
<i>Lightning</i>	" " Straits.
<i>Peking</i>	" " Shanghai.
<i>Haitan</i>	" " Swatow.
<i>Fushun</i>	" " Canton.
<i>Taitang</i>	" " Shanghai.
<i>Sabine Richmers</i>	" " Swatow.
<i>Oopah</i>	" " Singapore.
<i>Odessa</i>	" " Yokohama.
<i>Taiwan</i>	" " Canton.
<i>Casablanca</i>	" " Calcutta.

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DEPARTURES.	FOR
<i>Loyal</i>	for Hallow.
<i>Aik</i>	" " Hallow.
<i>Chilvay</i>	" " Straits.
<i>Asamor</i>	" " Kaituma.
<i>Bygo</i>	" " Canton.
<i>Srinidhi</i>	" " Kaituma.
<i>Normandie</i>	" " Kaituma.
<i>Pirarang</i>	" " Hallow.
<i>Halmun</i>	" " Coast Ports.
<i>City of Rio</i>	" " America.
<i>Olympia</i>	" " Tacoma.
<i>Taiwan</i>	" " Swatow.
<i>Olo</i>	" " Bangkok.
<i>Hongkong</i>	" " Hallow.
<i>Korshill</i>	" " Kobe.
<i>Congella</i>	" " Singapore.

Aggregating 12,693 tons register.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK RETURNS.

ARRIVALS.	FROM
<i>Pictoria</i>	from Kowloon Dock.
<i>Brady</i>	" " "
<i>Proctor</i>	" " "
<i>Acta</i>	" " "
<i>Kiangnan</i>	" " "
<i>Maifu</i>	" " "
<i>Nanyang</i>	" " "
<i>Saratoga</i>	" " "
<i>Ratus Crithia</i>	" " "
<i>Honan</i>	" " "
<i>Wandering Jew</i>	from Cosmopolitan.
<i>Arak</i>	" " "
<i>Chilvay</i>	" " "
<i>Bygo</i>	" " "

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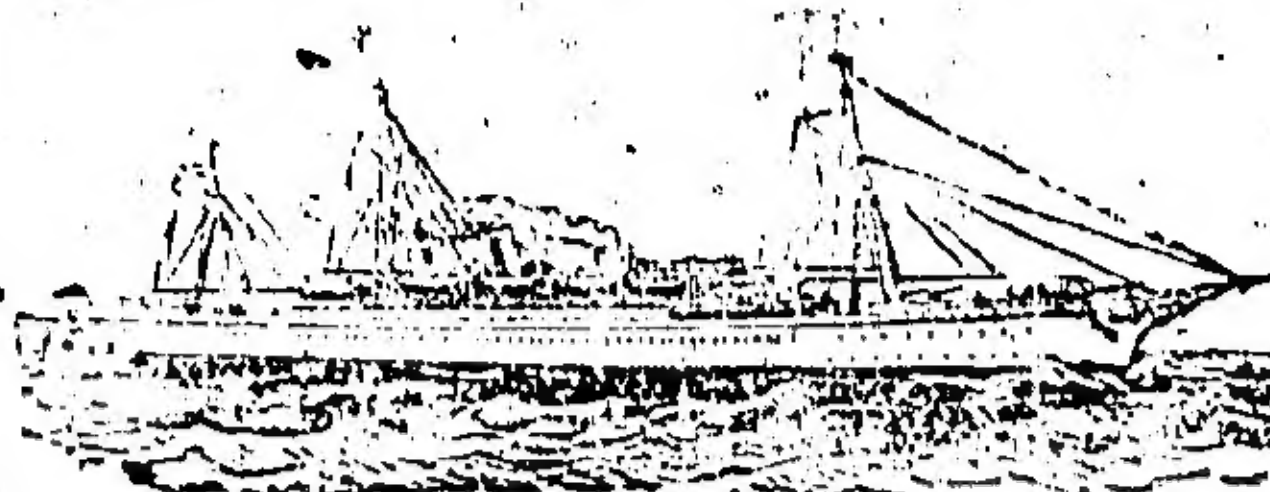
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